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1. I HAD LUNCH JUNE 27 WITH RYSZARD FRELEK, MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PZPR AND DIRECTOR OF THE CC DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE DISCUSSED THREE TOPICS: A. A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO POLAND; B. POLISH-FRG RELATIONS, AND C. GIEREK'S JUNE 23 VISIT TO MOSCOW. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH A. B AND C ARE COVERED IN SEPARATE MESSAGES.

2. FRELEK SAID THAT, AS I KNEW FROM MY RECENT DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI (REF), GIEREK, OLSZOWSKI, AND HE HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBLE VARIATIONS WHICH A VISIT BY PRESIDENT FORD TO POLAND MIGHT TAKE. THERE WERE NO CONDITIONS OR QUALIFICATIONS ON SUCH A VISIT; WHENEVER PRESIDENT FORD CHOSE TO COME, HE WOULD RECEIVE THE WARMEST OF WELCOMES, NOT ONLY ON THE OFFICIAL LEVEL, BUT FROM ALL POLES. WE HAD SEEN HOW THE POLES HAD RECEIVED GISCARD D'ESTAING; PERHAPS WE WOULD AGREE THAT THE RECEPTION HE HAD BEEN GIVEN EVERYWHERE WAS PARTICULARLY WARM. I ASSENTED. GIEREK HAD TOLD HIM, FRELEK WENT ON, THAT THE RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT FORD MUST BE "NO LESS CORDIAL." FRELEK SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE DIPLOMATIC OF HIM TO TELL ME THAT THE RECEPTION WOULD

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BE EVEN WARMER; ALL HE SHOULD SAY WAS THAT IT WOULD BE NO

LESS CORDIAL. TO THAT, HE SHOULD ADD THAT GIEREK WAS ANXIOUS TO REPAY IN FULL MEASURE THE EXTRAORDINARILY WARM WELCOME HE HAD RECEIVED IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. FRELEK SAID THAT THERE WERE THREE POSSIBLE VARIATIONS, WHICH HE WOULD LIST IN ORDER OF THEIR DESCENDING DESIRABILITY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, EMPHASIZING AGAIN THAT, WHENEVER HE SHOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO COME TO POLAND, THE PRESIDENT WOULD MEET WITH A MOST CORDIAL WELCOME AND RICH PROGRAM TO WHICH LIMITS WOULD BE SET ONLY BY THE TIME HE HAD AVAILABLE TO SPEND HERE.

A. A VISIT SOME TIME NEXT SPRING. THE PREFERABILITY OF THIS TIMING WAS CONDITIONED BY THE DESIRE OF THE POLES THAT THE VISIT BE "ONE TO POLAND, UNCONNECTED TO OTHER EVENTS." "WE THINK THAT THE CHARACTER, INTENSITY, HISTORY, AND TRADITION OF POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE SUCH AS TO JUSTIFY SUCH A VISIT," FRELEK SAID. ADDITIONALLY, HE SAID, SPECIFYING THAT HIS WAS A PERSONAL VIEW OF HIS, PERHAPS SUCH A TIMING FOR THE VISIT WOULD FIT IN WITH AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL EVENTS. I SAID THAT THESE WERE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH, STRICTLY SPEAKING, DID NOT CONCERN US HERE IN WARSAW; THEY COULD BETTER BE CONSIDERED AND DECIDED BY THE PRESIDENT AND HIS POLITICAL ADVISERS IN WASHINGTON. FRELEK AGREED AND DROPPED THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT.

B. IF THE PRESIDENT COMES TO EUROPE TO ATTEND PHASE III OF THE CSCE, GIEREK WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM COME TO POLAND FOR A FEW DAYS ACCLIMATIZATION BEFORE THE HELSINKI SUMMIT, THIS COULD FOLLOW A PATTERN SOMETHING LIKE THAT OF GISCARD'S VISIT, BUT TAILORED TO THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE PRESIDENT WAS ABLE TO SPARE FOR POLAND. ONE POSSIBLE ITINERARY WOULD BE A CEREMONIAL ARRIVAL HERE IN WARSAW, TOGETHER WITH THE FORMAL EVENTS CUSTOMARILY ASSOCIATED WITH A STATE VISIT, TO OCCUPY THE FIRST DAY. ON THE SECOND DAY, THE PRESIDENT COULD GO TO GDANSK FOR THE MORNING AND THEN TO THE MAZURIAN LAKES REGION IN THE AFTERNOON. FOLLOWING A RESTFUL DAY THERE, HE COULD LEAVE FOR HELSINKI. THIS ITINERARY WAS ONLY ILLUSTRATIVE. IF HE HAD THE TIME, THE PRESIDENT

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COULD GO ANYWHERE ELSE IN POLAND HE WISHED.

C. IF THE PRESIDENT IS UNABLE TO COME TO POLAND BEFORE THE CONVENING OF THE CSCE SUMMIT, THEN THE POLES STRONGLY HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT MAKE POLAND THE FIRST OF THE COUNTRIES HE VISIT FOLLOWING THE SUMMIT.

4. I SAID THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT THESE THOUGHTS TO MY GOVERN-

MENT, KEEPING THEM WITHIN THE RESTRICTION I HAD SPECIFIED TO  
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